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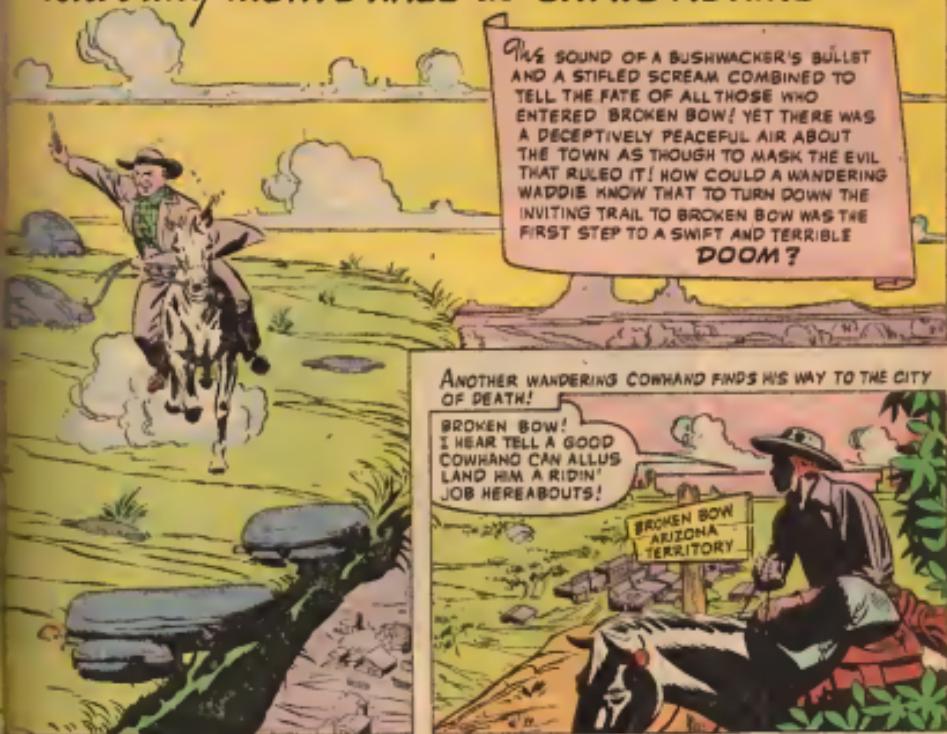
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# WESTERNER

starring MONTE HALE as CHRIS ADAMS



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EXCUSE ME, SHERIFF! I'LL GET ME A HOTEL AND SEE YOU LATER! IF YOU HEAR OF ANY JOBS, I'D APPRECIATE IT...

MINUTE, YOUNG MAN! I'M SHORT A COWHAND! IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR WORK, I CAN USE YOU!

I PLUMB FORGOT YOU, YOUNG MAN! BUD THURBER, THIS HERE IS SAND SANDERSON... AND MY DEPUTY, JEFF JACKSON!

IT'S A PLEASURE!

THAT BONE-HEADED GEORGE ALEXANDER! TURNED DOWN MY OFFER TO GUARD HIM AND HIS SON WHEN THEY TAKE ALL THAT MONEY HOME!

5 THAT OLD COOT NEVER FORGAVE ME FOR BEATING HIM OUT IN THE ELECTION YEARS AGO! I AIM TO WATCH HIM TONIGHT ANYHOW!



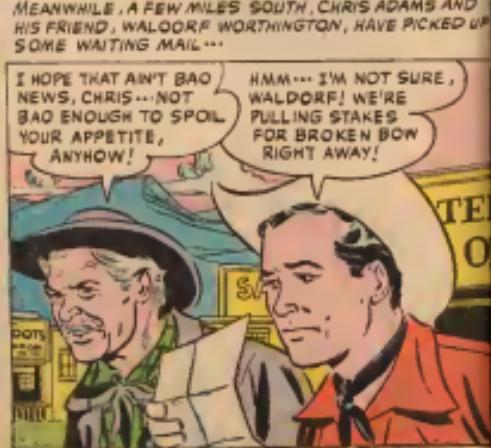
THANKS FOR HELPING ME, SHERIFF!

MMMPH! NO CALL TO THANK ME, BUD! I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW SAND WANTED ANOTHER HAND! GOOD LUCK!

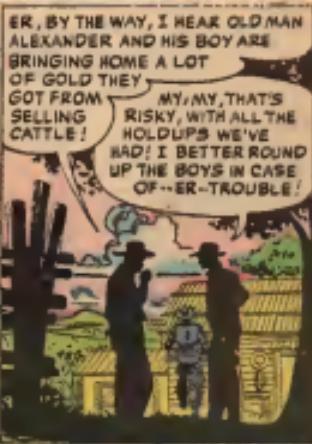
MEANWHILE, A FEW MILES SOUTH, CHRIS ADAMS AND HIS FRIEND, WALDOF WORLINGTON, HAVE PICKED UP SOME WAITING MAIL...

I HOPE THAT AIN'T BAO NEWS, CHRIS...NOT BAO ENOUGH TO SPOIL YOUR APPETITE, ANYHOW!

HMM... I'M NOT SURE, WALDOF! WE'RE PULLING STAKES FOR BROKEN BOW RIGHT AWAY!



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EARLY THE NEXT AFTERNOON, IN TOWN...

STAY OUT, YEH MOOCHIN'! TCH-TCH! THAT NO-GOOD LUNCH GRABBER! POOR MAN SEEMS MIGHTY UPSET!



LET ME HELP YOU UP, FRIEND!

THANKS! IF YOU AREN'T BUSY STICK AROUND FOR A FEW MINUTES TO CATCH ME, IN CASE I COME OUT SORTA RUSHED AGAIN!



WHY YOU...! I WARNED YOU!



WHEN I CATCH YOU, I'LL...OOPS!



TAKE IT EASY, FRIEND!

SORRY, BUT YOU WERE MAD ENOUGH TO KILL YOU! YOU! I'LL PAY YOU FOR THE DAMAGE! NEED YOUR MONEY FOR THE DOCTOR BILLS WHEN I GET THROUGH WITH YOU!



EASY, FRIEND! EASY NOW! LISTEN TO REASON!

YOU'LL LISTEN, BUD...TO THE RINGIN' O' YOUR OWN EARS!

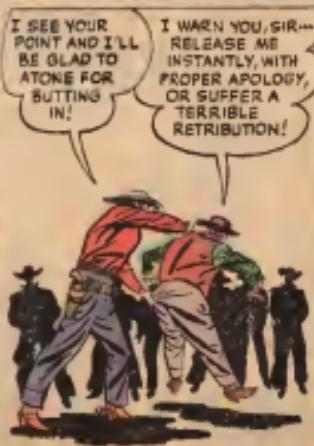


TAKE THAT!

MUNCH - MUNCH! NO TRIN' WHETS A MAN'S APPETITE LIKE A GOOD - CHOMP - CHOMP FIGHT!



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YOU TWO - EGGED APPETITE! I SENT YOU AHEAD TO GET INFORMATION... NOT A REPORT ON STEAKS! START TALKING SENSE!

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT! I FOUND OUT IF YOU WANT A JOB, SEE SHERIFF FAST... IF IT'S A FUNERAL, HOWARD GLUM'S YOUR MAN!

THAT'S BETTER! WE'LL SEE SHERIFF FAST RIGHT NOW ABOUT JOBS!

JOBS? OH, NO!

I WON'T MARRY YOU, KNOWING I'D BE A HERO'S WIDOW SOMEDAY! YOU CAN'T OUTSMART KILLERS FOREVER!

BUT, BARBARA, HONEY! I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF! WAIT...



THE MINE'S WORRIED ABOUT THEIR PAYROLL, JEFF! I SAID WE'D LOCK IT IN OUR SAFE AND STAND GUARD UNTIL THEY PICK IT UP!

FINE, SHERIFF! WELL SEE THAT NO OUTLAW GETS IT!



FUNNY PICTURES YOU HAVE HERE, SHERIFF!

THAT'S MY FAMILY HOME IN SUSSEX, ENGLAND, AND MY BROTHER, SIR CEDRIC! I RAN AWAY AS A BOY AND NEVER GOT HOME AGAIN. NOW WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?



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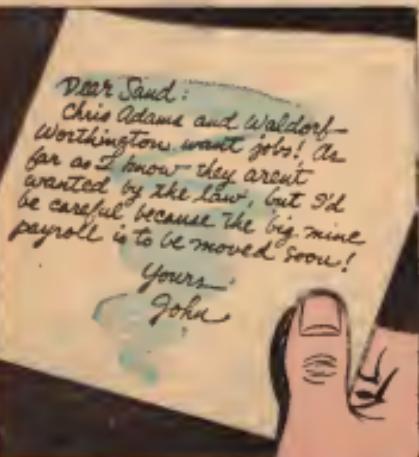


HALF AN HOUR LATER, ON THE TRAIL NORTH OF BROKEN BOW...



WHEN A MAN WRITES A NOTE ABOUT ME, I LIKE TO KNOW WHAT HE SAYS!

SOMETIMES YOU'RE AN AWFUL DISAPPOINTMENT TO ME!



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LATER, IN THE BUNKHOUSE...  
HMM, I SUPPOSE YOU  
STEAMED THIS OPEN  
AND READ IT,  
ADAMS!

SURE! I LIKE TO  
KNOW WHAT  
FOLKS SAY  
ABOUT  
ME!

TAKE OVER, I  
ART! YOU TWO  
STAND QUIET!

HOLD IT, SANDERSON! I GUESS  
MAYBE WE DON'T WANT JOBS  
AFTER ALL!

WHAT'S THE  
MATTER? DON'T  
YOU LIKE BEING  
SEARCHED? MAYBE  
THAT'S IT! JUST  
FORGET THE WHOLE  
THING!

THAT JUST  
WHETS MY  
APPETITE!  
TAKE HIM,  
BOYS!

I WARN YOU, SIR... IF IT  
WEREN'T FOR THAT GUN,  
YOU'D REGRET THIS  
OUTRAGE!

THAT'S  
FOR  
LUCK!  
HURRY AND SEARCH  
HIM! HE'S A WILDCAT  
TO HOLD!

WELL, WHADDAYUH  
KNOW! I HIT THE  
JACKPOT!

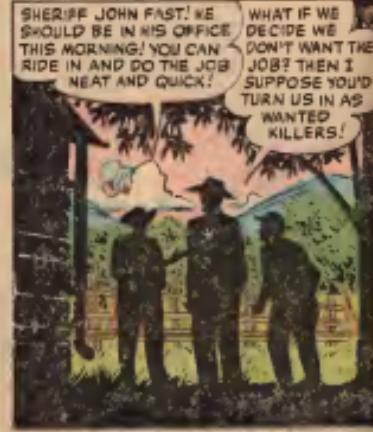
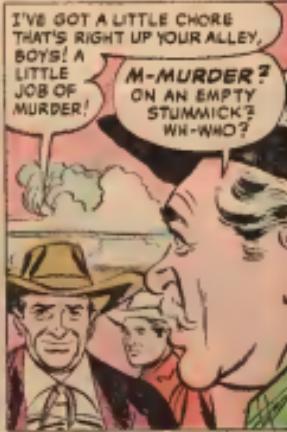
WE COULDN'T ASK FOR  
BETTER CREDENTIALS!  
YOU'RE HIRED, BOYS!  
LET THEM GO!

SORRY ABOUT THE LITTLE  
SCUFFLE, CHRIS! NO HARD  
FEELINGS!

ONLY  
ONE!

WANTED  
FOR MURDER  
MAY BE HEADING

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AN HOUR LATER...

CHRIS, YOU GO AININ' TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS...? DON'T BE A CHUMP, WALDORF! IF SAND WANTS THE SHERIFF KILLED, WHY HAVE IT DONE IN DAYLIGHT IN HIS OFFICE? I'M PUZZLED!

SOME KILLER... GOIN' MURDERIN' WITH AN EMPTY GUN!

THE INTERESTING THING IS, WALDORF, THAT THE GUN ISN'T EMPTY! I WONDERED WHAT HIS GAME WAS!

THIS IS WHY SAND KEPT OUR GUNS OVERNIGHT... SO HE COULD EMPTY THE POWDER OUT OF ALL THE SHELLS!

UH-OH! AND WE'D GET THROWN IN JAIL FOR TRYIN' TO SHOOT THE SHERIFF WITH AN EMPTY SHELL!

I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE ANSWER EITHER! WE'D BETTER RIDE ON BEFORE OUR BODYGUARD UP THERE GETS NERVOUS!

SAND SURE AIN'T TAKIN' ANY CHANCES... BUT IF HE JUST WANTED US IN JAIL, HE COULD'VE TURNED US IN LAST NIGHT! I'M STUMPED!

CHRIS, I SURE HATE TO GO INTO A THING LIKE THIS, SUFFERING FROM HUNGER! COULDN'T WE...

YOU AREN'T GOING INTO IT! YOU STAY HERE AND WATCH THE HORSES WHILE I PLAY OUT THIS LITTLE GAME!



I GOT A BETTER IDEA, CHRIS... JUST GET ON OUR HORSES AND MAKE TRACKS FOR SOMEWHERE ELSE A LONG WAYS OFF!

NOPE! I LIKE PUZZLES TOO WELL TO BACK OUT NOW! WAIT HERE!



ADAMS! WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?

DON'T ASK ME, SHERIFF... BECAUSE I JUST PLAIN DON'T KNOW!



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CHRIS IS MARCHED BACK TOWARD THE OFFICE ...

I MADE A MISTAKE, SAND! I UNDERESTIMATED YOU!

THAT WASN'T YOUR BIGGEST MISTAKE, ADAMS! ED, GO FIND HOWARD GLUMM AND TELL HIM HE'S GOT MORE BUSINESS!

HERE'S HIS GUN, JEFF! ONE SHOT FIRED! I GUESS THAT TIES IT!

YOU'RE CRAZY! THAT GUN WON'T EVEN SHOOT! POINT IT RIGHT AT ME AND PULL THE TRIGGER, IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT!



WALDORF, YOU IDIOT! GO AHEAD! TRY TO SHOOT ME! OR TAKE A SHOT AT THAT WATER PITCHER OVER THERE! I'LL PAY FOR IT IF IT BREAKS!

YI!!!!!! WON'T SHOOT, HUH?

INSIDE, ADAMS! I'M OKAY, JEFF, BUT YOU OUGHT TO HOLD HIM, TOO! THEY'RE PARTNERS!



MINUTES LATER, A FRESH VOICE IS RAISED IN ACCUSATION AGAINST CHRIS--THAT OF HOWARD GLUMM... HE'S DEAD ... BUT YOU'LL PAY FOR IT, ADAMS!

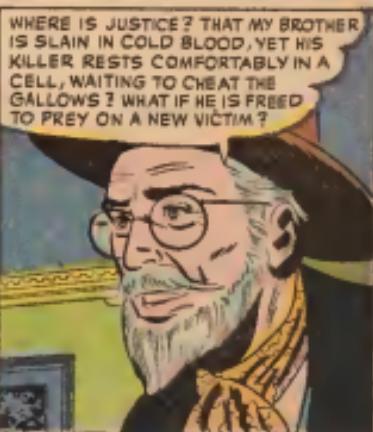
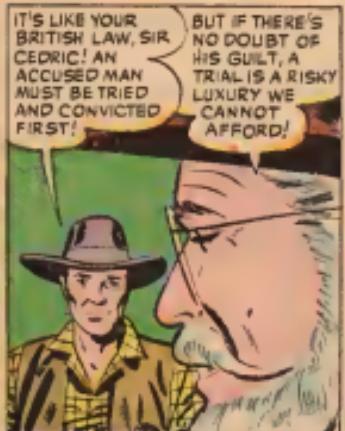
I KNOW JUST HOW HOWARD FEELS, ADAMS! AS ACTING SHERIFF, IT'LL BE A PLEASURE TO MAKE THAT HANGING QUICK!



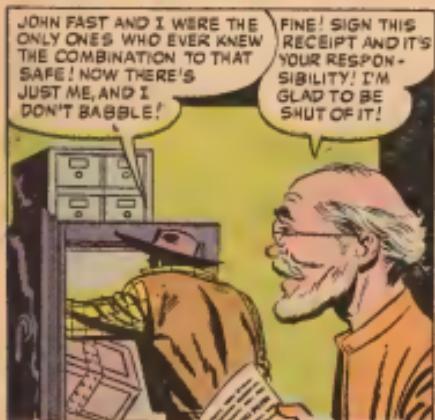
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WITH THE  
DAWN...

LOOKS AS IF WE GOT CLEAR OF  
TROUBLE! IT WAS NICE OF YOU  
TO LOAN US THIS WAGON  
MISTER!

DON'T MENTION  
IT, SHERIFF!  
ALWAYS GLAD  
TO HELP THE  
LAW!

OH-OH! NOW IT  
STARTS! THOSE  
ARE SAND'S  
KILLERS!

HEY!  
WHAT  
TH---?



I KNOW  
BETTER  
THAN TO  
SAY  
THANKS!

IF YOU WANT TO  
LIVE A LITTLE  
LONGER GET UP  
THERE AND DRIVE!

DANGER DYN



CATCH THAT WAGON,  
BUT DON'T SHOOT  
UNLESS YOU HAVE TO!  
IT'S LOADED WITH  
DYNAMITE!



CLIMB  
ABOARD  
AND HANG  
ON! WE'LL  
CATCH 'EM!

YOU DRIVE...AND  
I GO RIGHT AHEAD!  
NO MONKEY-  
SHINES! WE'LL  
TAKE CARE  
OF PURSUIT!

DON'T MIND ME!  
I'VE GOT THE SAME  
GENERAL FUTURE  
WHETHER I OUTRUN  
THEM OR GET  
CAUGHT!



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IT'S THAT ART AND THEM TWO GUNNIES! THEY'RE BETWEEN CHRIS AND THE DOOR! BUT I GOT ME A PEACHY IDEA! I'LL FIX 'EM!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

ALL RIGHT, YOU BUZZARDS! REACH FOR THE SKY! HOW'M I DOIN', CHRIS?

OH, FINE, WALDORF! JUST WONDERFUL!



SEE WHAT HE MEANS, CHUMP? YOU NEVER THOUGHT TO LOOK BEHIND THE DOOR! NOW GET OVER WITH HIM AND KEEP QUIET!

GUG... GUG!

YOU CHUMP! WHY DID YOU HAVE TO BARGE IN LIKE...?

SHHH! I DONE THAT APURPOSE, CHRIS! SEE WHAT I HELD OUT? ALL WE NEED DO NOW IS...

...TOSS THESE HERE LIVE SHELLS IN THE FIRE...



...AN' START OUR SPRING HOUSE CLEANIN'!

YOU'RE WONDERFUL, WALDORF! LET'S GO!

BLAM! BANG!  
BANG! BAM!



HEY...!  
OOOF!





QUICKLY CHRIS AND WALDORF FLEE THE RANCH AND...

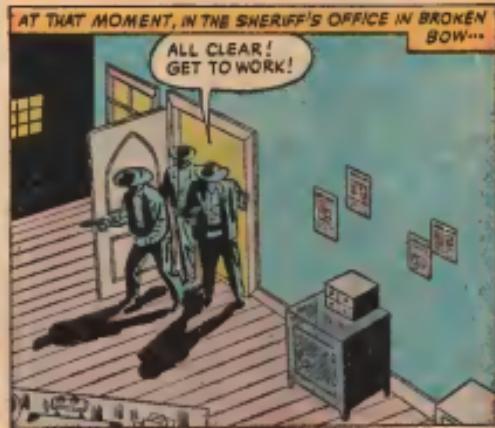
WHAT BOTHERS ME, I MY GUESS IS SAND PLANS TO GRAB THAT MINE PAYROLL ... AND WITH ME ON THE LOOSE, I'D GET THE BLAME WHEN HE SHOT ME!



AN HOUR  
LATER ...



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KEEP THEM COVERED! I'VE GOT A SURPRISE FOR YOU, JEFF! THESE BOYS ARE MUCH TOO MODEST!

SEEMS LIKE ALL I GET ARE SURPRISES!

THIS IS ONE OF SANDERSON'S TRAINED APES, JEFF! KNOW HIM?

I'VE SEEN HIM AROUND!

AND THIS, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, IS THE TRAINER HIMSELF! GET THE CAGE READY, JEFF!

CELL DOOR'S OPEN AND EAGER!

YOU'LL HAVE TO PARDON SAND SANDERSON RIGHT NOW, JEFF! HE'S IN KIND OF A BAD MOOD!

SAND! WE GOT A CURE FOR ANY KIND OF MOOD!

BEFORE I UNVEIL THIS HANDSOME FACE, I'D LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS!

YOU GOT A SHOCK COMIN', JEFF! CHRIS REALLY STARTED FIGURING THIS OUT WHEN SAND GAVE US GUNS THAT WOULDN'T SHOOT TO KILL SHERIFF FAST!

BUT YOU DID KILL FAST! I---SIR CEDRIC!

NOT SO FAST, JEFF! IT STRUCK ME AS MIGHTY HANDY, HOW SIR CEDRIC SHOWS UP THE DAY AFTER I'M JAILED FOR KILLING JOHN FAST...

YOU SAID NOBODY BUT YOU AND JOHN FAST KNEW THE COMBINATION OF THIS SAFE... BUT THIS MAN JUST OPENED IT!

THAT'S RIGHT! HE DID! B-BUT...



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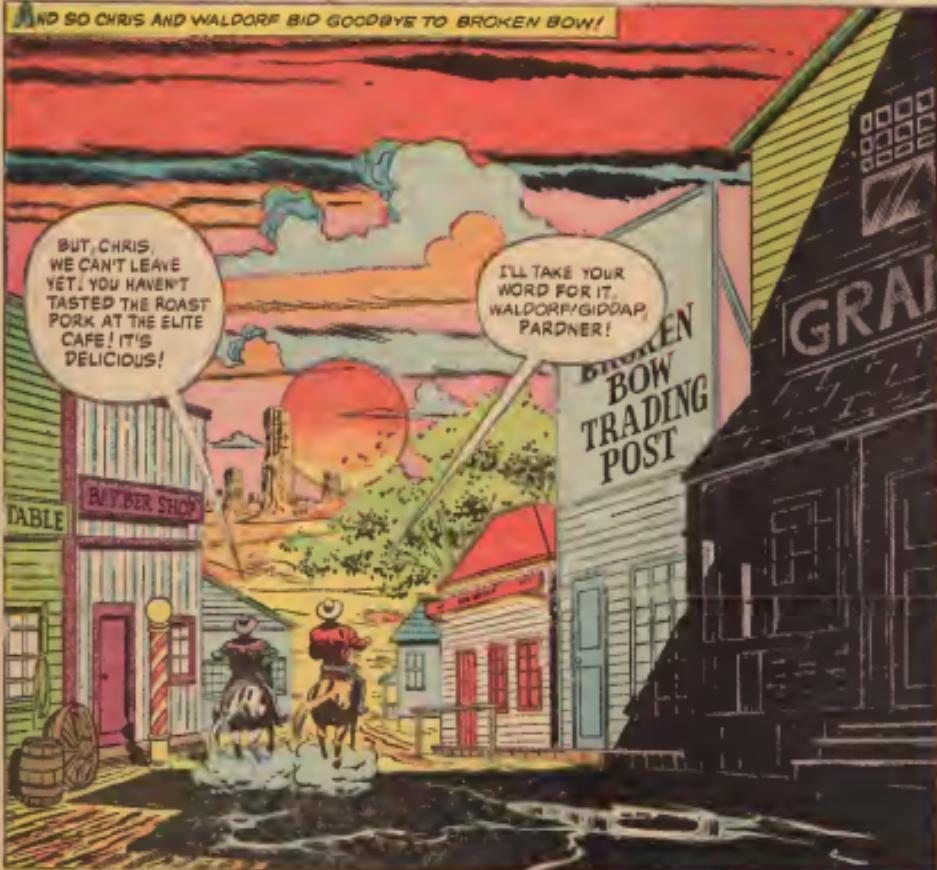
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AND SO CHRIS AND WALDORF BID GOODBYE TO BROKEN BOW!





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